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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76242

Kenji MATSUMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/603,078

Group Art Unit: 2874

Confirmation No.: 1880

Examiner: M. R. CONNELLY CUSHWA

Filed: June 25, 2003

For: TRANSMISSION APPARATUS USING A PLASTIC FIBER

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks regarding the telephonic discussions conducted on March 21, 2006, March 29, 2006, April 4, 2006 and April 12, 2006.

A telephonic interview was conducted between the Examiner's undersigned representative on March 21, 2006. The Examiner proposed amending the claims to include "non-diffracted" before light in claim 1, line 3. Further, the Examiner proposed adding "wherein the photodetector is position at the end face of the fiber without an optical system intervening between the plastic fiber and the photodetector" after "fiber" in claim 1, line 12. On March 29, 2006, the Applicant's undersigned representative indicated that the Examiner's proposed amendments were acceptable.

Contrary to the Interview Summary of March 30, 2006, the Examiner did not indicate that claim 2 was to be amended.

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The Applicant's undersigned represented contacted the Examiner on April 4, 2006 to clarify the claim amendments to claim 1 and claim 2. The Examiner indicated that claim 2 will not be amended and permitted the Applicant further review of the Examiner's amendment to claim 1. The Applicant's undersigned representative contacted the Examiner on April 12, 2006 and indicated that the Examiner's amendment to claim 1 is acceptable.

It is respectfully submitted that the instant STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.2 and 1.133 and MPEP §713.04.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

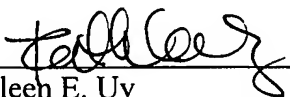
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